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UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR 2382 I GOT IN TOUCH WITH BURIN DES ROZIER, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ELYSEE, AND INFORMED HIM OF YOUR INSTRUCTIONS THAT I SHOULD GO TO COLOMBEY TODAY TO TAKE YOUR LETTER AND OTHER BRIEFING MATERIALS ON THE CUBAN SITUATION. I POINTED OUT THAT I REALIZED THAT THIS WAS UNUSUAL IN LIGHT OF THE GENERAL'S PRACTICE TO RECEIVE NO ONE IN COLOMBEY BUT THAT THE TIME FACTOR IN THE CUBAN SITUATION WAS SUCH THAT IT WAS CONSIDERED DESIRABLE FOR ME TO SEE HIM. BURIN DES ROZIER SAID THAT HE AGREED AND RECOMMENDED THAT I GO AND SAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE UP THE MATTER BY TELEPHONE WITH THE GENERAL. IN ABOUT AN HOUR HE CALLED BACK AND SAID THAT THE GENERAL WOULD PREFER NOT TO BREAK A LONG-ESTABLISHED RULE THAT WHEN HE WAS AT COLOMBEY HE DID NOT RECEIVE ANY OFFICIAL VISITORS AND SUGGESTED THAT I SHOULD CONVEY TO COUVE DE MURVILLE YOUR LETTER AND THE MATERIAL IN QUESTION.

IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES I HAVE AGREED TO SEE COUVE DE MURVILLE WHO I AM INFORMED WILL BE IN A POSITION TO TELEPHONE TO GENERAL DE GAULLE THE SUBSTANCE OF LETTER AND MATERIAL. THE GENERAL WILL NOT BE BACK TO PARIS UNTIL MONDAY AFTERNOON WHICH WOULD BE THE EARLIEST I COULD SEE HIM. I AM NOT SURPRISED AT DE GAULLE'S REACTION SINCE HE HAS INDEED MADE IT A FIXED RULE TO TRANSACT NO OFFICIAL BUSINESS WHILE HE IS AT COLOMBEY AND I DID NOT FEEL THAT THE CHARACTER OF THE INFORMATION I HAD TO CONVEY WAS SUCH AS TO MAKE A SPECIFIC AND OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR HIM

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TO BREAK THIS RULE. IN FACT I BELIEVE THAT BY CONVEYING IT TO COUVE DE MURVILLE IT WILL GET TO DE GAULLE QUICKER SINCE IT IS THREE HOURS DRIVE TO COLOMBEY. DE GAULLE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO THINK OVER THE SITUATION AND TO LET YOU HAVE HIS VIEWS ON MONDAY IF NOT BEFORE.

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